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*A COMBINATION OF FBPase INHIBITORS AND ANTIDIABETIC AGENTS
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Applicant: van Poelje et al.
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1. Petition for Extension of Time & Response to Office Action;
2. Transmittal Letter;
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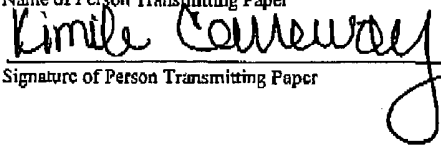
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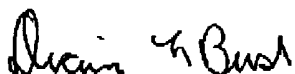
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Respectfully submitted,

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&
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Dear Sir:

This amendment and remarks address the issues raised by the Examiner in an Office Action dated February 17, 2004.

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). With the granting of said extension, it is believed that this response is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2613 for the 3-month extension fee due herein and any other fees that may become due or credit become payable during the pendency of this application.

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